# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the amount earmarked for expansion and improvement of airports in the country during the past two years alongwith the progress made, Airport-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated a scheme worth Rs.32 crore for increasing the air strip at Kullu by further 500 metres so that ATR 72 aircraft can land safety; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement this scheme?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

(a):-During the past two years, following major works were undertaken at various airports: Strengthening/ Extension of runway at Ahmedabad airport at an estimated cost of Rs.48.50 crore; Extension/ Modificationof terminal building and Strengthening of runway at Guwhati Airport at an estimated cost of Rs.56 crore; Construction ofnew Terminal complex at Port Blair airport at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore; Construction of new terminal building, civil apron, link taxiway, car park, safety and security equipment at Tezpur airport at an estimated cost of Rs.22 crore; Extension & Strengthening of runway at Calicut airport at an estimated cost of Rs.99.62 crore; Runway and Apron works at Kargil airport at an estimated cost of Rs.24.27 crore; Construction of Control Tower, Technical Block etc. at Chennai airport at an estimated cost of Rs.23 crore; Construction of Terminal Building, Technical Block-cum- Control Tower etc. at Lilabari airport at an estimated cost of Rs.18.45 crore; Extension / Modificationof Terminal Building etc. at Agartala airport at an estimated cost of Rs.27.61 crore; Upgradation of main runwayfor ILS Cat.III including strengthening of main runway and construction of Export Cargo Complex (Phase II and III) at IGI airport New Delhi at estimated cost of Rs.85 crore; andaerobridges at Bay Nos.17, 18 and 19 including security hold area at Terminal IA at Mumbai airport at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore.

(b) & (c) : Airports Authority of India (AAI) has includeda scheme in the Budget for increasing the runway length for operation by ATR-72 type of aircraft. State Government of Himachal Pradesh has been requested to undertake diversion of river course and river training work so that some land could be re-claimed for extension of runway.